

REMARKS

Claims 1, 17-21, 24-26, and 32-36 were pending at the time of the final Office Action. Claims 1, 17-21, 24, 26, and 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement and written description requirements. Claims 22 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected independent claim. Applicant addresses each of these issues below.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended by removing the phrase “at least 70 % identity sequence identity.” In addition, the word “corresponding” has been deleted and the wording “CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3” has been introduced to show the relation between the CDR regions and the SEQ ID numbers. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in the specification at page 11. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Claim 21 has been redrafted as new claim 37, which includes reference to claim 22. Claims 22 and 25 have been redrafted as independent claims incorporating features from claim 1. The dependency of claim 34 has been amended. Claims 20 and 35 have been reworded to refer more clearly to fragments.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this or in a continuing application. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 17-21, 24, 26, and 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement and written description requirements. In view of the aforementioned amendments, applicants submit that the enablement and written description rejections should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

The Office Action indicates that claims 22 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the aforementioned amendment, claims 22 and 25 are now in condition for allowance.

Rejoinder of Withdrawn Claims

As applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests that withdrawn claim 28, which is directed to methods of using the products encompassed by claim 26, be rejoined, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

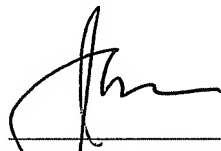
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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